

Know Your Rights

As a community member living at St. Monica's you have rights that are protected by the Wisconsin Department of Health and Human Services. This corner will highlight one of your rights each month. The full list was given to you upon moving in to St. Monica's. If you ever feel that any of your rights have been violated, please report this to administration as soon as possible. You have the right to the following:

To have access to and participate in social activities.



Birthdays

2nd Charles Miner (CM)
2nd Coretta Collins (S)
4th David Sullivan (CM)
4th Eduardo Contreras (S)
9th Jayne Rau (S)
11th Sondra Sinnett (CM)
13th Barbara Tracy (CM)
15th Alexis Hood (S)
15th Dawn Smith (S)
16th Cindy Ward (S)
20th Frank Miller (CM)
21st Susan Croak (S)
24th Nicole Overstreet (S)
27th Debra Monroe (S)
27th Joyce Schmitt (CM)
29th Grace Manchester (CM)
29th Roberta Gedemer (S)
30th Ross Gietzel (S)
(CM) = Community Member (S) = Staff

Staff Anniversaries

Ross Gietzel 4 years
Sharon Mellberg 3 years
Laura Maldonado 3 years
Sarah Rodriguez 2 years
Josephine Strutz 2 years
Lora Mayweather 1 year
Jennifer Owens 1 year
Angelina Gutierrez 1 year

Celebrating 50 Years of Blessed Heritage

Join us as we continue our 50th Celebration!

Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony
Friday, December 3rd at 5:00 p.m.
St. Monica's front yard.

Featuring a prayer from Sr. Angelica, hot chocolate, cookies, and Christmas Carolers. A special *thank you* to the Barina family for donating the beautiful tree!

If you have any questions, please call
Shannon at (262) 321-7135



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happening in our community.

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Farewell Loretta

Loretta Baxter has served at St. Monica's since September 10, 2012, beginning as the Administrator and now Executive Director. Her tenure includes implementing several of St. Monica's current offerings and programs including: planning, building and opening a 26-bed Memory Care facility in 2017, instituting a rigorous financial control system, developing the facility's Mission and Core Value statements, obtaining memberships in the Wisconsin Assisted Living Association and Leading Age, accomplishing many facility upgrades, and most recently, the creation and opening of an on-site outpatient physical therapy clinic - Arise Physical Therapy, Inc.



Loretta has also been actively involved in the Racine community, with memberships that include the Racine Founder's Rotary Club, Racine Community Foundation, TEMPO and RAMAC. Her contribution to St. Monica's and the Racine community will be appreciated for years to come.

St. Monica's is thankful for the years of dedication, vision, and leadership that Loretta has provided. Her positive impact has changed St. Monica's for the better and will remain a lasting impression well into the future. We wish her a long retirement filled with adventure, love, and blessings.



A Message from Loretta

It is with gratitude and fondness that I say farewell to St. Monica's as your Executive Director. It has been an incredible 10 years of service filled with many memorable times such as: Christmas parades, New Year's parties, Open Houses, Family Picnics, Baking contests, Halloween contests and some of the most memorable were quiet conversations with community members, families, and staff. These relationships and memories will make me smile as I embark on retirement and spend time on my passions, such as biking across the United States. The St. Monica's team is among the best and I leave with a deep sense of inner peace knowing that you are in the best of hands and hearts.

You will see me in the future as a volunteer doing what I enjoy the most, visiting, and getting to know each of you, the community members. Time is precious and I'm so glad our paths crossed. Thank you for all the wonderful memories.

Loretta Baxter, Executive Director

VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

Cindy Hossli



Cindy has volunteered at St. Monica’s for **7 years!** Her dad used to live at St. Monica’s, and after she retired, Cindy started to volunteer here. She enjoys helping with special events, exercise, and most of all, visiting with the community members and hearing their stories. She is married to her husband, Jim, and they have 3 children, Joel, Josh, and Jaron. She also has twin grandsons, Quintin, and Tray. She has a yellow Lab named, Mellow. In her free time, she enjoys reading & walking her dog. Thank you Cindy, we appreciate you and your dedication!



HERO WITH

Cindy Ward, Memory Care Caregiver



HOW LONG HAVE YOU WORKED FOR ST. MONICAS? *3 years!*
WHAT DO YOU LIKE TO DO IN YOUR SPARE TIME? *Crocheting, reading, water coloring, and enjoying the outdoors.*
PRIOR TO WORKING AT ST. MONICAS, WHAT WAS YOUR MOST

INTERESTING/FUN JOB? *I worked as a temporary staff member in the surgical department as an orderly. It was neat to see it all and how it’s all done.*

WHAT DO YOU LIKE MOST ABOUT WORKING AT ST. MONICAS? *I enjoy the people I work with and forming bonds with community members. They really become an extended family.*

WHAT ARE SOME THINGS ON YOUR BUCKET LIST?
I would like to travel to different countries & explore the world.

WHERE DO YOU SEE YOURSELF IN FIVE YEARS?
I would like to be retired, spend time with my husband and pursue our plans of traveling.

A Christmas Prayer



“O sweet Child of Bethlehem, Grant that we may share with all our hearts in this profound mystery of Christmas. Put into the hearts of men and women this peace for which they sometimes seek so desperately and which you alone can give to them. Help them to know one another better, and to live as brothers and sisters, children of the same Father. Reveal to them also your beauty, holiness, and purity. Awaken in their hearts love and gratitude for your infinite goodness. Join them all together in your love. And give us your heavenly peace. Amen.”

— Pope John XXIII

Oak Lane News Music & Memory



We have begun setting up personalized music playlists for our Oak Lane Community Members using iPod’s and Alexa devices. Specifically the adored songs from a person’s formative years. This revives deep seeded memories which can invigorate listeners and enable them to feel like themselves again. Music can inspire some to converse, socialize, and be present in the moment. With our Music & Memory Program, we help those who suffer from a wide range of cognitive and physical challenges find renewed meaning and connection in their lives through the gift of personalized music.

A big thank you to Pat Badger, Lois Solberg, and The Prairie School for Sponsoring the Music & Memory program at St. Monica’s Senior Living.

WELCOME: Stephanie Conwell Admissions & Community Relations Director



Stephanie feels blessed to become a part of the St. Monica’s family as the Admissions & Community Relations Director. She has always enjoyed working with seniors and remembers volunteering here as a very young child. She is a native Racinian who attended St. Rita’s school for a portion of her elementary years and has been involved with the parish as a volunteer and supporter her whole life. She graduated from Gateway with a Police Science Degree and worked for the Caledonia Police Department as a 911 Dispatcher for about 10 years. After that she worked for All Saints as a training specialist and in a variety of other roles over the course of 18 years. She returned to school to pursue a Bachelor’s Degree in Business Management and also received a Project Management Certification. Stephanie has 2 children, Emma age 17 and Nolan age 13, and 2 pets, a cat named, Frankie and a rescued Huskie/Rottweiler named, Scooter. She enjoys playing piano and spending time with her family & friends. Please welcome Stephanie when you see her in passing!

Featured Community Member



Rose Pulda

Family

- 5 Kids
- 13 Grandchildren
- 23 Great Grandchildren

Former Career

- Stay at home Mom

Early Years & Hobbies

Rose previously lived in Arizona and is the youngest of 10 kids. She loves spending time with her grandkids and great grandkids. Rose loves to shop, play cards, play Rummikub, do jigsaw puzzles, and paint ceramics. She also used to golf a lot. Rose belongs to Roma Lodge, played Bocci Ball there and helped with Italian Fest. She loves getting to know people and hearing their stories. Rose has a strong Catholic faith which has helped and sustained her throughout her life.

Fondest Memory

“My fondest memory is moving to Arizona and making new friends. We sure had a good time!”